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FOREWORD

The build-up to the Referendum on the question of Independence for Bermuda, held on 16 August 1995, was marked by much social, political and ideological agitation from a diverse cross-section of Bermudian society.

One voice that made itself known during this period was that of a group calling itself "The Electoral Annexation Committee". This group presented a Proclamation to His Excellency the Governor, the Rt. Hon. The Lord Waddington, GCVO, PC, QC, and called for the establishment of an autonomous state that is wholly representative of the needs of persons historically considered to be of African descent.

In the aftermath of the Referendum and the mind-numbing effect that it has had on the leadership of the Black Community, this voice has gradually emerged as the sole contender of the idea that indigenous Black interests should advance beyond partisan or parochial concerns and aspire to universal objectives including statehood, sovereignty and independence.

The Inaugural Notices contained in this booklet were published over the course of the year that followed the Referendum. During this time, the goals of the Committee were transformed from the thread of the idea of statehood into the fabric of a self-proclaimed State, with a distinct sense of identity, a definitive framework of mutually supporting institutions and a unique symbolic language to interpret and convey their ideological significance.

While the external effects of this accomplishment may not be realised for many more years to come, the notices which documented the inauguration of this endeavour have been published in an easily accessible format for the benefit of those who are prepared to contemplate the novelty of an historic idea whose roots have taken hold in the heart of an indigenous - and unapologetic - Black nation.

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INAUGURAL NOTICE NO. 1

THE ELECTORAL ANNEXATION PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, by the Grace of God Sole Ruler and Protector of the territorial limits of these geographical islands of Bermuda, with the advice and consent of her appointed and elected representatives, has allowed the Government of Bermuda to determine the issue of independence for its constituents by means of a common plebiscite;

AND WHEREAS the Bermuda Government has ordained that such popular opinion shall be expressed in the form of a secret ballot contemplated and effected under the electoral license of Her Majesty's temporal authority in Parliament;

AND WHEREAS Her Majesty's Royal Assent has confirmed, in principle, the pre-eminent dominion of the electorate over the putative sovereignty of these islands, albeit under natural, customary and international law;

AND WHEREAS such electorate has been empowered in accordance with the individual beliefs, inclinations and aspirations of its constituents to determine the subsequent nature and extent of all domestic laws governing:

The personality, character and tenure of the sovereign;

The identification, representation and protection of the citizen;

The endowment, duration and extension of the franchise;

The constitution of the legislature and of the government;

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The establishment of courts, tribunals and standing commissions;

The appointment of the judiciary, magistrates and justices of the peace;
The attachment and stylisation of clerical, military and civil titles;

The granting of statutory charters, patents and licenses;

The establishment of consulates, embassies and diplomatic missions;

The issue and redemption of medals, coins, notes and other currency;

The raising and expenditure of public funds;

AND WHEREAS such perfect dominion, once realised in principle, should not be tainted or diminished in practice by the temporal limitations of a date-restricted ballot, but should rather be sustained *in perpetuum* by a permanent process of electoral annexation;

AND WHEREAS it is just and expedient that such annexation should be carried out openly, plainly and in accordance with the highest values of piety, fidelity, and trust;

THIS PROCLAMATION, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, HEREBY WITNESSES:

1. The wilful establishment of an autonomous electoral mandate, governing in default of the temporal license of the Monarch and of the Bermuda Government, and pertaining to the natural sovereignty of these enchanted is-

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lands through public exercise of the common right of self-determination;

2. The lawful preservation of this autonomous state by a voluntary assembly of dedicated constituents comprising THE ELECTORAL ANNEXATION COMMITTEE and such heirs, assigns and successors as may be deemed appropriate for the continuation of this mandate;

AND HEREBY records for posterity the peaceful casting of a representative ballot in accordance with this manifest electoral achievement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Electoral Annexation Committee has caused this Proclamation to be evoked, delivered and affixed with an Inchoate Seal this Annunciation Date of Tuesday, the Fifteenth Day of August, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.



INAUGURAL NOTICE NO. 2

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTORAL
ANNEXATION PROCLAMATION 1995
("The Proclamation")**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Oath of Allegiance¹ has been executed under the above Proclamation by the founding members of the **Electoral Annexation Committee** ("the Committee") and dated 16 October 1995. This Oath confirms the permanent status of the Committee as an incorporated civil body politic and lays the foundation for the formation of an autonomous Electoral College at a later date. In honour of the execution of this Oath, the original Proclamation, presented to His Excellency the Governor of Bermuda on 15 August 1995 has been vested with the honorific title "**The Bermuda Covenant**". Inquiries may be sent in writing to the undersigned offices at P.O. Box HM1821, Hamilton HM HX, Bermuda.

SMITH & BEAN ASSOCIATES
Attorneys for the Committee

¹ See Annex I

INAUGURAL NOTICE NO. 3

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTORAL
ANNEXATION PROCLAMATION 1995**

("The Proclamation")

- and -

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BERMUDA COVENANT
("The Covenant")**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Private Meeting of the Principal Electors registered under the above-mentioned instruments was held on Friday the Third Day of November, one thousand nine hundred and ninety five for the purpose of passing the following Inaugural Resolutions:

(1) THAT the Electoral College of the Bermuda Covenant ("the College") be established in accordance with the Articles of Compatriation accepted at the meeting;

(2) THAT the prior Deeds committed under the Inchoate Seal of the Electoral Annexation Committee ("the Committee") shall henceforth be assigned and attributed to the Inauguration Seal of the Covenant in consideration of one 1995 Bermuda Penny;

(3) THAT the Committee shall hereinafter be convened as a High Commission of the College;

(4) THAT a condition of Censorship shall apply to the execution, administering and undertaking of all Deeds in the name of the College for such duration as the College may, by Inaugural Resolution, determine;

(5) THAT Corin P. S. Smith of High Grove, 6 Industrial Park Road, Southampton, Bermuda, be appointed Censor of the Covenant with full power to conduct the public affairs of the College in accordance with the Articles of Compatriation.

Certified True Copy:
Kevin G. Bean, Secretary

INAUGURAL NOTICE NO. 4

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTORAL
ANNEXATION PROCLAMATION 1995**

("The Proclamation")

- and -

IN THE MATTER OF THE BERMUDA COVENANT

("The Covenant")

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Private Meeting of the Principal Electors registered under the above-mentioned instruments was held on Tuesday the Twenty Sixth Day of December, one thousand nine hundred and ninety five for the purpose of passing the following Inaugural Resolutions:

(1) THAT the Electoral College of the Bermuda Covenant ("the College") be endowed with the following Hereditary Faculties:

Faculty of Inauguration;
Faculty of Arches;
Faculty of Arms;
Faculty of Griot;
Faculty of Letters;
Faculty of Law;
Faculty of Lands;
Faculty of Trade;

(2) THAT each Faculty be hereinafter audited by an Electoral Assize under the direction of the Censor of the Covenant; and

(3) THAT the members of the College be formally instructed in the arts and crafts required of these Faculties by a Directorate of Guilds to be known as the Loyal Institute of Electoral Instruction.

Corin P. S. Smith
Censor of the Bermuda Covenant

INAUGURAL NOTICE NO. 5

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTORAL
ANNEXATION PROCLAMATION 1995
("the Proclamation")**

- and -

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BERMUDA COVENANT
("the Covenant")**

(BY COMMISSION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CENSOR)

1. In the Name of God, the One, the Almighty, the Indivisible.
2. By the Authority of the Electoral Annexation Proclamation, under the Patrimony of Our Oath of Allegiance, and in the Exercise of the Lawful Faculties bestowed by Us upon Our Freedom to Associate as an Autonomous Electoral College;
3. WE, THE PRINCIPAL ELECTORS OF THE BERMUDA COVENANT, as Dissident and Compatriated Subjects of an Imperial Legacy of Cultural Chauvinism, Racist Partiality, and Colonial Deprivation, in the Wilful Determination that such a Predicament should Cease to Continue in respect of Our Descendants, Hereby Make Oath and Espouse the Following Doctrines, to wit:
4. WHEREAS the Hereditary Implications of Our Ancestral Origins, Our Graft Lineage and Our Common Descent have been confounded by the Political Dislocation of Absolute Principles of Genealogical Continuity; *and indeed,*
5. WHEREAS the Communal Antecedents of Our Electoral Domain have been obscured by the Secular Renunciation of Traditional Forms of Popular Representation;
6. IT IS HEREBY DEEMED JUST AND APPROPRIATE that a Remedial Jurisdiction of Simultaneous

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Electoral Immunities should be delivered in Perpetuity and in Reciprocal Elaboration of Our Profane Experience of the Pervasive Bond of Racial Superiority and in Worshipful Submission of the Same to the Judgement of God and to the Utter Condemnation of Man.

7. NOW THIS ELECTORAL MANIFESTO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, WITNESSES that a Discrete Mode of Tribal Restitution has been Identified by Us under the Protection of the Common Law - albeit in accordance with various Statutory, Customary and International Practices - and by the Excellence of Our Mortal Capabilities;

8. AND AFFIRMS THIS, Our Public Protestation of a Determinate and Rehabilitative Counterclaim, to be a Sacred Bond, Ordained by God for the Reprieve of Otherwise Dissolute and Abandoned Subjects in Wont of a Sovereign Dispensation;

9. AND ESTABLISHES HEREINAFTER, that Our Present Standing, known by Us Together as THE ELECTORAL ORDER OF THE BALLOT, shall be the Corporate Form and the Principal Calling of a Supreme Tribal Affiliation, to be continued by Ourselves and Our Progeny within the Fashion and the Precincts of a Body Politic, having Perpetual Succession under a Great Seal that is:

10. Dedicated to the Unity of God and of Man; Inspired by the Revelations of Prophecy; Persuaded by the Devotion of the Faithful; Conceived in the Celebration of Truth; Determined by the Rule of Reason; Disposed in Accordance with the Laws of Nature; Animated by the Gift of Our Humanity; Possessed of the Legacy of Our Predecessors; and Conscious of the Prospects of Our Descent;

11. AND VERILY TESTIFIES, that this Great Seal shall be Governed in accordance with such Laws,

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Principles, and Customs of self-determination as may prove to be Universal, Immutable and Absolute, Henceforth and Forevermore.

12. SO HELP US GOD...

13. In the Adoration of Which We have Hereunto Set Our Names, Hands and Hearts this Twenty Ninth Day of February, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Six.

THE ELECTORAL ORDER OF THE BALLOT

For More Information Contact:
The Office of the Censor
c/o Smith & Bean Associates
P.O. Box HM1821
Hamilton HM HX

INAUGURAL NOTICE NO. 6

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTORAL
ANNEXATION PROCLAMATION 1995
("the Proclamation")**

- and -

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BERMUDA COVENANT
("the Covenant")**

BY COMMISSION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CENSOR



1. TO ALL AND SINGULAR.
2. GREETINGS, IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE ONE,
THE ALMIGHTY, THE INDIVISIBLE.
3. KNOW NOW, by Order of the Faculty of Arms,
under the Authority of the Bermuda Covenant, by
and with the consent of the Principal Electors in
Privy Council, that the dignity of the Electoral Order
of the Ballot has been endowed with the above pre-
sented Heraldic Device and that this endowment
has been patented under a grant of Hereditary Let-
ters for the exclusive benefit of the grantee.
4. Any foreign personage, authority or potentate
having just cause why such bearings should not be
claimed as so presented is hereby invited to submit
evidence of the same to the undersigned for consid-
eration within two months of the date posted upon
this Notice.

1 April 1996
The Marshall-at-Arms of the Bermuda Covenant
c/o Smith & Bean Associates
P.O. Box HM1821
Hamilton HM HX

INAUGURAL NOTICE NO. 7

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTORAL ANNEXA-
TION PROCLAMATION 1995
("the Proclamation")**

- and -

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BERMUDA COVENANT
("the Covenant")**

BY COMMISSION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CENSOR

NOTICE OF TOTEMIC SUBLIMATION

1. TO ALL AND SINGULAR,
2. GREETINGS, IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE ONE,
THE ALMIGHTY, THE INDIVISIBLE,
3. KNOW NOW, by Order of the Faculty of Arches,
under the Authority of the Bermuda Covenant, by
and with the consent of the Principal Electors in
Privy Council, that a Sublime Totem has been at-
tached to the tribal affiliation of the same and that
such Attachment has been patented under a grant
of Hereditary Letters for the exclusive benefit of the
said Tribe, to which the following characteristics
shall be deemed to apply;
 - a. The spoken form of the Totem shall consist of the
phonetic equivalent of the triconsonantal root
represented in Latin by the letters "G-M-B" and
such linguistic derivations as may reflect the ar-
chitectonic situation of the Tribe;
 - b. The mystery of the Totem shall be venerated as
the objective basis of the aboriginality of the
Tribe;
 - c. The mystery of the Totem shall be protected from
secular distortion;
 - d. The Tribe shall be named after the Totem.

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4. Any foreign person-age, authority or potentate having just cause why such an attachment should not be claimed as so presented is hereby invited to submit evidence of the same to the undersigned for consideration within two months of the date posted upon this Notice.

1 May 1996
The Archimage of the Bermuda Covenant
c/o Smith & Bean Associates
P.O. Box HM1821
Hamilton HM HX

INAUGURAL NOTICE NO. 8

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- and -

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BERMUDA COVENANT
("the Covenant")**

BY COMMISSION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CENSOR

NOTICE OF FLAG SELECTION

1. TO ALL AND SINGULAR.
2. GREETINGS, IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE ONE,
THE ALMIGHTY, THE INDIVISIBLE.
3. KNOW NOW, by Order of the Faculty of Arms,
under the Authority of the Bermuda Covenant, by
and with the consent of the Principal Electors in
Privy Council, that the Sovereignty of the Same has
been endowed with the under-mentioned Colours:

"A flag of customary shape and dimension bearing the colours green, magenta and blue in three vertical bands ranging from right to left of the field."

4. NOW KNOW that this endowment has been
patented under a grant of Hereditary Letters for the
exclusive benefit of the grantee.
5. Any foreign personage, authority or potentate
having just cause why such Colours should not be
claimed as so presented is hereby invited to submit
evidence of the same to the undersigned for con-
sideration within two months of the date posted
upon this Notice.

17 June 1996
The Marshall-at-Arms of the Bermuda Covenant
c/o Smith & Bean Associates
P.O. Box HM1821
Hamilton HM HX

INAUGURAL NOTICE NO. 9

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTORAL
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- and -

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BERMUDA COVENANT
("the Covenant")**

BY COMMISSION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CENSOR

NOTICE OF ANTHEM SELECTION

1. TO ALL AND SINGULAR,
2. GREETINGS, IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE ONE,
THE ALMIGHTY, THE INDIVISIBLE,
3. KNOW NOW, by Order of the Faculty of Griot,
under the Authority of the Bermuda Covenant, by
and with the consent of the Principal Electors in
Privy Council, that a Poetic and Melodic Anthem
has been attached to the tribal affiliation of the
same and that such Attachment has been patented
under a grant of Hereditary Letters for the exclu-
sive benefit of the said tribe, to which the following
lyrics shall be deemed to belong;

*"As Our voices rise to greet the skies
And dance upon the seas,
May our hearts confess their righteousness
And this, their moment be
Like the gath'ring cries
Of the flowing tides
As they dash upon the sands:
Let them find their destiny,
Borne upon their constancy,
Guided by their majesty
And the might to live as God commands!"*

4. Any foreign personage, authority or potentate
having just cause why such an attachment should

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not be claimed as so presented is hereby invited to submit evidence of the same to the undersigned for consideration within two months of the date posted upon this Notice.

24 May 1996

The Poet Laureate of the Bermuda Covenant
c/o Smith & Bean Associates
P.O. Box HM1821
Hamilton HM HX

INAUGURAL NOTICE NO. 10

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- and -

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BERMUDA COVENANT
("the Covenant")**

BY COMMISSION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CENSOR

NOTICE OF TERRITORIAL DOMINION

1. TO ALL AND SINGULAR,
2. GREETINGS, IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE ONE,
THE ALMIGHTY, THE INDIVISIBLE,
3. KNOW NOW, by Order of the Faculty of Lands,
under the Authority of the Bermuda Covenant, by
and with the consent of the Principal Electors in
Privy Council, that a all those islands hitherto
known as the "Devil's", "Somers" and "Bermudas"
Islands shall hereinafter be known to the Electoral
College of the Bermuda Covenant as the "ISLANDS
OF MAGUMBA".
4. Territorial dominion over these islands shall be
vested in the official residence of the College, to be
known as "THE SYMMETRON".
5. Counter-claims and enquiries may be sent in
writing to the undersigned offices within two-
months of the date posted upon this notice.

1 July 1996

The Chief Surveyor of the Bermuda Covenant
c/o Smith & Bean Associates
P.O. Box HM1821
Hamilton HM HX

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- and -

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BERMUDA COVENANT
("the Covenant")**

BY COMMISSION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CENSOR

NOTICE OF ELECTORAL ADJUDICATION

1. TO ALL AND SINGULAR,
2. GREETINGS, IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE ONE,
THE ALMIGHTY, THE INDIVISIBLE,
3. KNOW NOW, by Order of the Faculty of Laws,
under the Authority of the Bermuda Covenant, by
and with the consent of the Principal Electors in
Privy Council, that a Supreme Court of Electoral Ad-
judication has been attached to the tribal affiliation
of the same and that the said Court has been en-
dowed with the sovereign capacity to determine
such electoral pleadings as may be constituted in
respect of the obligations of the Tribe.
4. All putative claimants are hereby advised that
any prospective pleadings are hereinafter to be pre-
sented to the under-mentioned Offices for delivery to
the Court.

31 July 1996

The Grand Sheriff of the Bermuda Covenant
c/o Smith & Bean Associates
P.O. Box HM1821
Hamilton HM HX

ANNEX I

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE
OF THE
BERMUDA COVENANT**

"In the Name of God, the One, the Almighty, the Indivisible, I [*insert name*] hereby pledge allegiance to the dignity, the authority, and the supremacy of the principles recognised under the Electoral Annexation Proclamation. I further dedicate my sacred honour, my worldly talents and my earthly possessions - as borne upon my Privy Seal - to the service of these principles and swear obedience to the sovereignty of such Potentates, Vice-regents, and Excellencies who may be lawfully set over me under this Bermuda Covenant, in so far as I am able. So help me God."

Verily executed this Monday the Sixteenth day of October Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Five as witnessed by the Inchoate Seal of the Electoral Annexation Committee hereunto affixed.

PRIVY
SEAL

INCHOATE
SEAL

ANNEX II

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The Governor
His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Lord Waddington, G.C.V.O., P.C., Q.C.
Government House
11 Langton Hill
Pembroke HM13

16 August, 1995

Your Excellency,

The attached Proclamation has been issued by a private committee of local constituents, henceforth to be known as the Electoral Annexation Committee, which was formed in response to the Bermuda Government's decision to hold a referendum on the issue of independence for Bermuda.

The primary purpose of this Committee has been to educate its members on all issues pertaining to the sovereignty of these islands and of the people of Bermuda. In view of the incalculable benefits that have been derived from this investigation the Committee has seen fit to continue this exercise on a permanent basis.

Given that these benefits have resulted from an 'autonomous electoral process which is alien to the form and practice of the Bermuda Government, it has been decided to retain this accomplishment in its native form. In order to ensure that this putative claim is recognised by the people of Bermuda, it has also been decided to direct this Proclamation to Your Excellency, in the hope that your distinguished offices may be able to notify the appropriate authorities of the same, whether local or foreign.

If there are any inquiries regarding the nature of this Proclamation, it is asked that they be presented in writing to the undersigned offices.

Smith and Bean.

Smith & Bean Associates
Attorneys for the Electoral Annexation Committee

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ANNEX III

From: His Excellency the Governor, The Rt. Hon. The Lord Waddington, GCVO, PC, QC



Government House
Bermuda

17 August 1995

Smith & Bean Associates
Attorneys for the Electoral Annexation Committee
P.O. Box HM 1821
Hamilton HM HX

Thank you very much for the Proclamation which I have read with the greatest interest.

I am also interested to hear of the establishment and aims of the Electoral Annexation Committee.

I wish you well in your work.

ANNEX IV

SMITH & BEAN ASSOCIATES Readers & Writers-at-Law

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His Excellency The Governor
The Rt. Hon. The Lord Waddington, G.C.V.O., P.C., Q.C.
Government House
11 Langton Hill
Pembroke HM13

22 August, 1995

Your Excellency,

Establishment and Aims of the Electoral Annexation Committee

Thank you for Your Excellency's letter of 17 August 1995.

In response to your query regarding the establishment and aims of the Committee these offices have been authorised to convey the following information:

1. Establishment

The Committee considers itself to be an unincorporated body politic. This description is considered to be representative of the indeterminate civil status that has been conferred upon successive generations of persons of African descent during the settlement of Bermuda.

The Inchoate Seal of this Committee is a symbolic embodiment of the autonomous electoral potential that has been possessed by such persons but which has not been expressed before Her Majesty in an authoritative or representative fashion since the first introduction of Africans to this community.

In contemplation of the political sensitivity of this issue, the Membership of the Committee have chosen to remain anonymous to prevent their personalities from distorting the significance of the Committee's work which is directed towards the Aims specified below.

2. Aims

22 August, 1995

The Aims of the Committee have been derived from its investigation of the limited concept of "sovereignty" which was provided by the Bermuda Government during the conduct of the 1995 Referendum. The record has shown that the public process was dominated by a public preoccupation with "majority rule" rather than the substantive issue of "self-determination" for the residents of Bermuda. The Committee contends that an authentic exercise would have revealed and sustained the putative sovereignty of all the island's peoples, not just those who participated in a singular ballot.

Given the clear inadequacy of the Government's campaign the Committee has decided in the permanent interests of its existing and prospective Membership to establish a countervailing public process of Electoral Annexation based upon the following Aims:

- (i) To isolate, preserve and protect the electoral foundations for the establishment of an Autonomous State that is coterminous with, but not limited by, the territorial situation of these Bermuda Islands (also known as the Somers Isles;
- (ii) To acquire, retain and assimilate the characteristics of an aboriginal identity in accordance with the native membership of this Autonomous State;
- (iii) To research, develop and promote the concept of Domestic Asylum as a remedy for the alienation suffered by diverse persons of African descent during the colonisation of these islands.

3. General

The Electoral Annexation Proclamation represents the first local intention to permanently transcend the limitations of Bermuda's prevailing system of government which has thus far been unsympathetic towards the sovereign needs of those constituents who originate from the African Diaspora. It is this commitment which is considered to be of incalculable benefit to a major portion of Bermuda's inhabitants.

It is hoped that this information will assist Your Excellency in presenting the Establishment and Aims of this Committee to such authorities as may be deemed appropriate. It is presently anticipated that further elaboration of these concepts will

His Excellency The Governor
The Rt. Hon. The Lord Waddington, G.C.V.O., P.C., Q.C.,
Government House

22 August, 1995

be provided by a public education campaign that will be initiated in 1996 once the Committee has been fully accepted by its current Members as a civil body politic.

Yours faithfully,



Smith & Bean Associates
Attorneys for the Electoral Annexation Committee